not submit a prompt report after ascertaining the cost of the repairs. It took some time for changing the wires which had been shorted and for taking them along the road to the jetty.

Regarding the Puthenkulangara road, Eroor Desom.

550. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—(a) Is the Government aware of the great inconvenience caused to the public on account of the washing away of portions of the road on both sides of the bridge ;

(b) for what period has the road been in the present condition;

(c) has any action been taken by the Government for repairing the same ;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, when was such action taken ;

(e) if the answer is in the negative, why repair was not ordered;

(f) is the Government aware that portions of the same road near ഇല്ലിക്കൽ പടി also require immediate repairs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Since the rise of floods in Karkadagam last.

(c) Yes.

(d) The work was ordered on 21st January 1932.

(e) The question does not arise.

(f) Yes.

Applications for taking over aided schools by Government.

551. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of applications oral or written made to the Government by the authorities of aided schools to have them taken over by the Government since the present Director of Public Instruction took charge of office ;

(b) the number of such applications, if any, before the present Director of Public Instruction took charge of his office;

(c) whether any such applications have been granted ; if so, on what grounds ;

(d) does the Government think of taking over the management of all Aided Educational Institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The information cannot be furnished as no separate register is maintained for this purpose.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision (a).

(c) Yes.

On account of the inability of the Managers to run the school.

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